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Bill Giving Priority for Veteran-Students at UW Closer to Becoming Law

Madison – Today, State Senator Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) hailed the passage in a Senate Committee of a bill which would give priority to veterans who register for classes at University of Wisconsin campuses (AB 201).

"The veterans who have served our country and state are owed more than just our thanks upon their return to civilian life; I am proud to be the lead author in the senate on a bill that would give them priority in registering for classes on UW campuses," said Carpenter.

The UW already has priority for others like athletes and disabled students, and this bill will add veterans and those currently in military service to this priority list.

"Many education benefits that veterans earn by virtue of their service have a specific time limit for when they need to be used. It is my hope that by allowing veterans entering as students to register for the classes they need, when they need them, we will give them a better chance at complete their education and move on to greater opportunities" said Carpenter.

"I would like to express my thanks to Representative Diane Hesselbein (D-Middleton) for originating this bill in the Assembly, and for her shepherding the bill to passage through the Assembly," said Carpenter.

In order to pass into law, AB 201 will need to be passed by the full senate, and signed by the governor.

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